

JUNO - EXT. CENTENNIAL LANE - DUSK JUNO MacGUFF stands on a placid street in a nondescript subdivision, facing the curb. It's FALL, Juno is sixteen years old, an artfully bedraggled burnout kid. She winces and shields her eyes from the glare of the sun. The object of her rap attention is a battered living room set, abandoned curbside by its former owners. There is a fetid-looking leather recliner, a chrome-edged coffee table, and a tasteless latchhooked rug featuring a roaring tiger. JUNO V.O. It started with a chair, INT. BLEEKER HOUSE - MOLD-O'-RIFIC BASEMENT- NIGHT FLASHBACK - Juno approaches a boy hidden by shadow. He's sitting in an overstuffed chair. She slowly, clumsily lowers herself onto his lap. A 60's Brazilian track plays from a vintage record player. WHISPERED VOICE Do you know how long I've wanted this? JUNO Yeah. WHISPERED VOICE Wizard. EXT. CENTENNIAL LANE - A DOG barks, jarring Juno back to reality. JUNO Quiet, Banana. Hey, shut your gob for a second, okay? We see a teacup poodle tethered in the yard a few feet away from the abandoned living room set. The dog yaps again. JUNO (V.O.) This is the most magnificent discarded living room set I've ever seen. She swigs from an absurdly oversized carton of juice and wipes her mouth with the back of her hand. BEGIN ANIMATED TITLE SEQUENCE: Juno marching down various street, pumping her arms like a jogger and chugging intermittently from the huge carton of juice. We watch her breathlessly navigate suburbia, clearly on a mission. EXT. DRUGSTORE - DAY Finally, a panting Juno arrives at DANCING ELK DRUG on the main drag of her small Minnesota suburb, Dancing Elk. The automatic doors of the store part to reveal Juno's flushed serious face. She carelessly flings the empty juice container over her shoulder and onto the curb. A group of DROPOUTS with skateboards near the entrance glare at her. She enters the DRUGSTORE. INT. DRUGSTORE - CONTINUOUS ROLLO, the eccentric drugstore clerk, sneers at Juno from behind the counter. He wears a polyester uniform vest. ROLLO Well, well. If it isn't MacGuff the Crime Dog! Back for another test? JUNO I think the last one was defective. The plus sign looked more like a division sign. Rollo regards her with intense skepticism. JUNO I remain unconvinced. Rollo pulls the bathroom key out of reach. ROLLO This is your third test today, Mama Bear. Your ego is preggio, no doubt about it! An eavesdropping TOUGH GIRL wearing an oversized jacket and lots of makeup gapes at Juno from the beauty aisle.TOUGH GIRL Three times? Oh girl, you are way pregnant. It's easy to tell. Is your nipples real brown? A pile of stolen COSMETICS falls out of the girl's jacket and clatters to the floor. TOUGH GIRL Balls! Juno crosses and crosses her legs awkwardly, hopping. It's obvious she has to use the bathroom urgently. ROLLO Maybe you're having twins. Maybe your little boyfriend's got mutant sperm and he knocked you up twice! JUNO Silencio! I just drank my weight in Sunny D. and I have to go, pronto. Rollo sighs and slips her the bathroom key. JUNO races down one of the aisles. ROLLO Well, you know where the lavatory is. (Calling after her) You pay for that pee stick when you're done! Don't think it's yours just because you've marked it with your urine! JUNO Jesus, I didn't say it was. ROLLO Well, it's not. You're not a lion in a pride! (to himself) These kids, acting like lions with their unplanned pregnancies and their Sunny Delights. INT. DRUGSTORE - BATHROOM - DAY In the dim, reeking public bathroom, Juno hovers over the commode with her boxer shorts around her ankles. She clumsily tries to use the pregnancy test.We see the test box sitting on the sink. It's a TeenWave Discount Pregnancy Test. The accompanying outdated package photo is of a shrugging 80s teen with a resigned expression. The fine print on the box reads "From the makers of Sun-Glitz Lightening Hair Spritz!" INT. DRUGSTORE - FRONT COUNTER - DAY Juno holds the developing test in her hand and slaps the open test box on the front counter. Rollo scans it and bags it indifferently. JUNO Oh, and this too. She places a giant licorice Super Rope on the counter. ROLLO So what's the prognosis, Fertile Myrtle? Minus or plus? JUNO (examining stick) I don't know. It's not...seasoned yet. Wait. Huh. Yeah, there's that pink plus sign again. God, it's unholy. She shakes the stick desperately in an attempt to skew the results. Shake. Shake. Nothing. ROLLO That ain't no Etch-a-Sketch. This is one doodle that can't be undid, homeskillet. EXT. MACGUFF HOUSE - EVENING Juno walks slowly and dejectedly up the street to her house, gnawing on the Super Rope. She stops and loops the Super Rope over a low-hanging tree branch, contemplating how to fashion a noose. Juno trudges toward her HOUSE. The yard is a wild tangle of prairie grass and wild flowers.INT. MACGUFF HOUSE - JUNO'S BEDROOM - NIGHT Juno's BEDROOM is decorated with punk posters: The Damned, The Germs, the Stooges, Television, Richard Hell, etc. She picks up a hamburger-shaped phone to call her best friend, LEAH. INT. LEAH'S HOUSE - BEDROOM - NIGHT LEAH's room is cluttered with the sentimental junk that certain girls love to hoard. The PHONE rings. LEAH (answering phone) Yo-yo-yiggity-yo. JUNO I am a suicide risk. LEAH Is this Juno? JUNO No it's Morgan Freeman. Got any bones that need collecting? LEAH Only the one in my pants. JUNO (in low tones) Dude, I'm pregnant. LEAH Maybe it's just a food baby. Did you have a big lunch? JUNO It's not a food baby. I took three pregnancy tests today. I am definitely up the spout.LEAH How did you even generate enough pee for three pregnancy tests? JUNO I drank like ten tons of Sunny Delight. Anyway, yeah. I'm pregnant. And you're shockingly cavalier. LEAH Is this for real? Like for real, for real? JUNO Unfortunately, yes. LEAH Oh my God! Oh shit! Phuket Thailand! JUNO That's the kind of emotion I was looking for in the first take. LEAH Well, are you going to go to Havenbrooke or Women Now for the abortion? You need a note from your parents for Havenbrook. JUNO I know. Women Now, I guess. The commercial says they help women now. LEAH Want me to call for you? I called for Becky last year. JUNO Eh, I'll call them myself. But I do need your help with something very urgent. EXT. CENTENNIAL LANE - NIGHT Leah and Juno struggle to drag a recliner across a well manicured suburban lawn. They make a formidable team. LEAH Heavy lifting can only help you at this point.JUNO That is sick, man. Leah busts a gut laughing. It's a stunningly accurate portrayal of Bleeker's parents. LEAH So, you were bored? Is that how this blessed miracle came to be? JUNO Nah, it was a premeditated act. The sex, I mean, not getting pregnant. LEAH When did you decide you were going to do Bleeker? JUNO Like, a year ago, in Spanish class. INT. DANCING ELK SCHOOL - SPANISH CLASS - DAY - (FLASHBACK)19 Bleeker and Juno are sitting at their desks, listening to a teacher lecturing about spanish. Bleeker discreetly pushes a POSTCARD to Juno with his foot. She picks it up off the floor, reads it, then looks at Bleeker, who is watching the teacher obediently. EXT. CENTENNIAL LANE - NIGHT LEAH Aha! You love him. JUNO It's extremely complicated, and I'd rather not talk about it in my fragile state. She hefts a coffee table with her bare hands. She's wearing her father's LIFTING BELT. LEAH So, what was it like humping Bleeker's bony bod? JUNO It was magnificent, man!INT. BLEEKER'S BEDROOM - MORNING CU of Bleeker putting on double socks in his Car-Bed. CU of Bleeker putting on his sweat bands. CU of Bleeker applying Runner's Glide. INT. KITCHEN - BLEEKER'S HOUSE - KITCHEN - MORNING CU of a CROISSANT POCKET warming in the microwave. EXT. BLEEKER HOUSE - MORNING PAUL BLEEKER steps onto the front porch of his house for early morning track practice. He wears a cross country uniform that reads "DANCING ELK CONDORS." He is eating some kind of microwaved snack gimmick. Bleeker is startled to discover that Juno is outside waiting for him. She has somehow arranged the living room set on the front lawn, and is seated in the armchair, chewing a pipe officiously. JUNO Hey Bleek. BLEEKER Hey, cool tiger. Looks proud. JUNO Yeah, I swiped it from Ms. Rancick. BLEEKER Cool. JUNO Your shorts are looking especially gold today. BLEEKER My mom uses color-safe bleach.JUNO Go Carole. (a beat) So, guess what? BLEEKER (shrugs) I don't know... JUNO I'm pregnant. Stunned silence. Juno pops up the footrest of the recliner and leans back comfortably. BLEEKER I guess so. (fidgeting) What are you going to do? The Dancing Elk Prep cross country team runs past Bleeker's house in a thundering herd, wearing a motley assortment of warm-ups. Their momentum stirs the crackling fall leaves. They wave and holler at Bleeker and Juno. JUNO V.O. When I see them all running like that, with their things bouncing around in their shorts, I always picture them naked, even if I don't want to. I have intrusive thoughts all the time. EXT. BLEEKER HOUSE - BLEEKER I'm supposed to be running. JUNO I know. There's an awkward silence. BLEEKER So, what do you think we should do?JUNO I thought I might, you know, nip it in the bud before it gets worse. Because I heard in health class that pregnancy often results in an infant. BLEEKER Yeah, typically. That's what happens when our moms and teachers get pregnant. JUNO So that's cool with you, then? BLEEKER Yeah, wizard, I guess. I mean do what you think is right. JUNO I'm real sorry I had sex with you. I know it wasn't your idea. BLEEKER Whose idea was it? JUNO I'll see you at school, O.K.? She mounts her bicycle and waves before riding off. BLEEKER (to nobody in particular) Whose idea was it? EXT. DANCING ELK SCHOOL - DAY Juno pushes her crappy bike into the bike rack and winds a lock around it. In the background, a group of 3 NERDS play a live-action RPG. NERD You did not! You don't have the armor. That Orc Armor you bought from the wizard doesn't have the power level to parry my hit!INT. DANCING ELK SCHOOL - CORRIDOR - DAY Juno tries to push through the masses, but the throng of students is thick and unwieldy. INT. DANCING ELK SCHOOL - HALLWAY - DAY Juno rummages through her locker, which is plastered with photos of Leah and Bleeker, plus a giant poster of Iggy Pop in his heyday. She grabs a dilapidated physics textbook. A few pages slip out. STEVE RENDAZO (the same asshole who harassed her as she walked to the drugstore) passes by in the hallway. STEVE RENDAZO Hey, your book fell apart! JUNO Yeah. STEVE RENDAZO It must have looked at your face. PWAH! He high-fives his klatch of buddies and moves along. JUNO V.O. The funny thing is that Steve Rendazo secretly wants me. Jocks like him always want freaky girls. Girls with horn-rimmed glasses and vegan footwear and Goth makeup. Girls who play the cello and wear Converse AllStars and want to be children's librarians when they grow up. Oh yeah, jocks eat that shit up. We see Steve looking back at Juno for a brief second with mixed feelings. JUNO V.O. They just won't admit it, because they're supposed to be into perfect cheerleaders like Leah. Who, incidentally, is into teachers. We see Leah at the far end of the hallway, talking animatedly with a paunchy middle-aged teacher, KEITH. LEAH (from a distance) Me too! I love Woody Allen! INT. DANCING ELK SCHOOL - SCIENCE LAB - DAY STUDENTS bustle in, as the teacher, MR. TINKER tries to maintain order. Juno heads toward her desk and sets down her bag. MR. TINKER People! We're doing our photomagne-tism lab today, so find your partner and break out into fours. Juno looks up and meets eyes with her longtime lab partner: Bleeker. Sound the gong of awkwardness! Juno and Bleeker head separately over to an available lab station and unpack their bags in silence. JUNO Well! Nothing like experimenting. BLEEKER I did the prep questions for this lab last night. You can copy my answers if you need to. He slides a piece of graph paper in front of Juno without looking at her. JUNO Oh, I couldn't copy your work. BLEEKER But you copy my work every week. JUNO Oh yeah. I'm kind of a deadbeat lab partner, huh? BLEEKER I don't mind. You definitely bring something to the table. JUNO Charisma? BLEEKER Or something. The other two LAB PARTNERS, a humorless couple, join them at the station. JUNO So, who's ready for some photomagnificence? GIRL LAB PARTNER I have a menstrual migraine, and I can't look at bright lights today. GUY LAB PARTNER Amanda, I told you to go to the infirmary and lie down. You never listen. GIRL LAB PARTNER No Josh, I don't take orders. Not from you and not from any man. GUY LAB PARTNER You know, you've been acting like this ever since I went up to see my brother at Mankato. I told you, nothing happened! GIRL LAB PARTNER Something happened. Because your eyes? Are very cold? They're very cold, Josh. They're cold, lying eyes. GUY LAB PARTNER What? My eyes are not lying! GIRL LAB PARTNER Yes they are, Josh. Since Mankato, they have been lying eyes. Juno and Bleeker observe the argument like tennis spectators, fascinated by the dynamics of a real couple. BLEEKER Okay...I'm going to set up the apparatus. Juno, want to get a Cclamp out of that drawer? GIRL LAB PARTNER I'm going to the infirmary. GUY LAB PARTNER Good. Call me when you're OFF the rag. GIRL LAB PARTNER Fine. Call me when you learn how to love just one person and not cheat at your brother's college just because you had four Smirnoff loes and a bottle of Snow Peak Peach flavored Boone's! GUY LAB PARTNER Good, I'll be sure to do that, Amanda. I'll make a note of it. He furiously scrawls a fake memo in his notebook. JUNO Snow Peak Peach is the best flavor of Boone's. Right, Bleek? Bleeker reddens and continues constructing the apparatus. GIRL LAB PARTNER stalks off dramatically. Bleeker shakes his head and rifles through his textbook. INT. MACGUFF HOUSE - JUNO'S BEDROOM - AFTERNOON Juno examines a large ad in the newspaper that depicts a distraught TEEN GIRL clutching her head in a moment of staged conflict. The ad reads: "Pregnant? Find the clinic that gives women choice. Women's Choice Health Center." Juno picks up her hamburger phone and dials. For a moment, she attempts to copy the melodramatic pose from the ad, checking herself out in the mirror. JUNO (talking along with voice prompt) "Para instrucciones en Espanol, oprima numero dos." She presses a few buttons in succession. JUNO Yes, hello, I need to procure a hasty abortion?...What was that? I'm sorry, I'm on my hamburger phone and it's kind of awkward to talk on. It's really more of a novelty than a functional appliance. She SMACKS the phone a couple of times. JUNO Better? Okay, good. Yeah, as I said, I need an abortion, two...sixteen...Um, it was approximately two months and four days ago that I had the sex. That's a guesstimate. Okay, next Saturday? Great. She hangs up the phone. JUNO V.O. I hate it when adults use the term "sexually active." INT. HEALTH CLASS - DAY (FLASHBACK) A HEALTH TEACHER in slo-mo puts a condom on a banana. JUNO V.O. (CONT'D) What does that even mean? Can I deactivate someday, or is this a permanent state of being? I guess Bleeker went live that night we did it. I guess he hadn't done it before, and that's why he got that look on his face. INT. BLEEKER'S HOUSE - MOLD-O'-RIFIC BASEMENT - NIGHT (FLASHBACK) We see Paulie's face at the moment of his deflowering: he's comically wide-eyed with shock. INT. MACGUFF HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT Juno, her father MAC, her stepmom M - DAY Bren stitches a needlepoint pillow of a dog. JUNO V.O. She's obsessed with dogs... EXT. BREN'S TENS - DAY Bren's nail salon in all its glory. JUNO V.O. owns a nail salon called Bren's Tens... INT. BREN'S TENS - DAY Bren chats up a customer as she applies a fresh coat. JUNO V.O. (cont'd) JUNO V.O. and she always smells+ like methylmethacrylate. INT. MACGUFF HOUSE - DINING ROOM - NIGHT Liberty Bell coughs pitifully as Bren leans over her plate. MAC So Juno, how did your maneuver go last night? JUNO Which maneuver, sir? The one in which I moved an entire living room set from one lawn to another, or the one in which I cleared a sixty-four ounce blue slushie in ten minutes? Bren speaks in her strong city accent. BREN Juno? Did you happen to barf in my urn? Mac, you know that nice urn by the front door, the one I got up in Stillwater? I found some weird blue shit. I mean stuff, gunk, in there this morning. JUNO I would never barf in your urn, Brenda. Maybe L.B. did it. We see Liberty Bell blithely pouring bacon bits onto her dinner. MAC Liberty Bell, if I see one more Baco on that potato, I'm gonna kick your monkey ass. EXT. WOMEN'S CHOICE CLINIC - DAY Juno trudges toward the front entrance of the clinic. There is a lone ABORTION PROTESTER, a teenager of Asian descent holding a hugely oversized sign that reads "NO BABIES LIKE MURDERING." LONE PROTESTER (chanting in extremely shy, accented voice) All babies want to get borned! All babies want to get borned! Juno recognizes the PR OTESTER as a classmate of hers. JUNO Uh, hi Su-Chin. SU-CHIN Oh, hi Juno. How are you? JUNO Good. I'm good. (pause) Did you finish that paper for Worth's class yet? SU-CHIN No, not yet. I tried to work on it a little last night, but I'm having trouble concentrating. JUNO You should try Adderall. SU-CHIN No thanks. I'm off pills. JUNO Wise move. I know this girl who had a huge crazy freakout because she took too many behavioral meds at once. She took off her clothes and jumped into the fountain at Ridgedale Mall and she was like, "Blaaaaaah! I'm a kraken from the seal!" SU-CHIN I heard that was you. JUNO Well, it was nice seeing you. She continues on toward the clinic entrance. SU-CHIN (calling out) Juno! Juno stops in her tracks but doesn't bother to turn around. LONE PROTESTER (cont'd) SU-CHIN Your baby probably has a beating heart, you know. It can feel pain. And it has fingernails. JUNO Really? Fingernails? She considers the concept, then pushes open the clinic door. INT. WOMEN'S CHOICE CLINIC - RECEPTION - DAY The receptionist sits behind a pane of bulletproof glass. The waiting room is semi-crowded, occupied mostly by pregnant women, teens and ill-behaved children. PUNK RECEPTIONIST Welcome to Women's Choice, where women are trusted friends. Please put your hands where I can see them and surrender any bombs. Juno flashes her best jazz hands. JUNO Hi. I'm here for the big show? PUNK RECEPTIONIST Your name, please? JUNO Juno MacGuff. The receptionist raises a pierced eyebrow and arranges some paperwork on a clipboard. JUNO V.O. She thinks I'm using a fake name. Like Gene Simmons or Mother Teresa. The receptionist hands Juno the clipboard and a pen. PUNK RECEPTIONIST I need you to fill these out, both sides. And don't skip the hairy details. We need to know about every score and every sore. The receptionist reaches into one of those ubiquitous women's clinic CONDOM JARS, and holds up a fistful of purple rubbers. PUNK RECEPTIONIST Would you like some free condoms? They're boysenberry. JUNO No thank you. I'm off sex. PUNK RECEPTIONIST My partner uses the se every time we have intercourse. They make his balls smell like pie. JUNO Congrats. She takes a seat in the WAITING ROOM and rifles through a pile of old magazines. The magazine selection is lots of "mommy mags" and health related periodicals. She selects an issue of Family Digest and gingerly flips through for a few moments. Then she looks over and notices the FINGERNAILS of a nearby teen, who looks as nervous as she does. The girl bites her thumbnail and spits it onto the floor. Juno looks away, but immediately notices another waiting woman, who absently scratches her arm with long fake nails. Suddenly, she sees fingernails EVERYWHERE. The receptionist clicks her nails on the front desk. Another woman blows on her fresh manicure. Everyone seems to be fidgeting with their fingers somehow. Juno suddenly looks terror-stricken... CUT TO: PUNK RECEPTIONIST Excuse me, Miss MacGoo? There's no answer. We see that Juno's chair is EMPTY. The receptionist cranes her neck and sees the front door drift shut. Juno's figure recedes into the distance as she tears off down the street, running as fast as she can. EXT. LEAH'S HOUSE - DAY Leah's front door swings open to reveal a breathless Juno standing sheepishly on the porch. Leah sighs. LEAH What are you doing here, dumbass? I thought I was supposed to pick you up at four. JUNO I couldn't do it, Leah! It smelled like a dentist in there. They had these really horri

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